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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-282047 to NIKON CORPORATION, published
October 15, 1999, which was discussed on page 2 of Applicants' specification, along with
an English language translation thereof;

U.S. Patent No. 5,870,638 to KUROSAWA, issued February 9, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,893,653 to ABE, issued April 13, 1999; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,035,147 to KUROSAWA, issued March 7, 2000.

Copies of the above listed documents are enclosed herewith for the convenience of
the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Further, each of the above-
mentioned documents is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

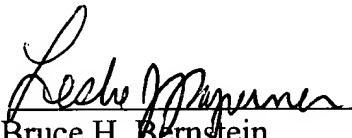
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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